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FORMER DIRECTOR OF U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS' INSTITUTE
PLEADS GUILTY TO FEDERAL EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGE

Natchez, Miss - U.S. Attorney Dunn Lampton announced that **DONALD SMITH** pled guilty in federal court today to one count of embezzlement stemming from his employment at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Waterways Experiment Station in Vicksburg, Mississippi.

Smith, the former Director of the Graduate Studies Institute of the Corps' Engineer Research and Development Center at the Waterways Experiment Station in Vicksburg, was indicted on July 22, 2008, by a federal grand jury on two counts of embezzling and converting to his own use money or other property belonging to the United States having a value of more than \$1,000. According to the indictment, Smith used various government credit cards to purchase over \$56,400.46 in items for his personal use, as well as submitting various fraudulent travel claims amounting to \$14,794.51.

Smith will be sentenced on December 16, 2008 at 11:30 a.m. in Natchez by United States District Court Judge David Bramlette. He faces a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

U.S. Attorney Lampton commended the investigative efforts of the Special Agents of the United States Army Criminal Investigation Command, Vicksburg Fraud Resident Agency. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Mike Hurst.

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